

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1488

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of WEBB TOURS, INC., )	Served January 16, 1976
for Certificate of Public )	
Convenience and Necessity to )	Application No. 894
Perform Charter Operations )	
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Application of WEBB TOURS, INC., )	
for Certificate of Public )	Application No. 895
Convenience and Necessity to )	Consolidated
Perform Special Operations )	Docket No. 304

By Application Nos. 894 and 895, filed December 11, 1975, Webb Tours, Inc. (Webb) seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, to transport passengers, over irregular routes, in round trip sightseeing or pleasure tours, in either charter operations or special operations, between points within the Metropolitan District.

Webb would provide four separate tours to individual members of the general public. Tour 1 would be a building tour of the Capitol, the Smithsonian Institution and the White House or the National Gallery of Art or the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The tour would include a guided tour of points between these buildings. Tour 2 would be a riding tour of the Mall, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, Watergate and Pennsylvania Avenue in the District of Columbia and a portion of Arlington County, Va., with stops at Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial. Tour 3 would be a night tour of Washington, D. C., and a portion of Arlington County, Va., with stops at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial. Tour 4 would be a dinner tour consisting of dinner at the Old English Piccadilly Restaurant and Pub and the night tour. In addition, Webb

would offer a combination of any two regular tours by the same party on the same day and a combination of any regular tour and the dinner tour by the same party on the same day.

The following table sets forth the applicable fares and approximate length of each tour.

<u>TOUR</u>	<u>ADULT FARE</u>	<u>CHILD FARE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
1	\$ 9.00	\$ 4.50	4 hours
2	9.00	4.50	3½ hours
3	9.00	4.50	3 hours
4	15.00	10.50	4 hours
Regular			
Combination	15.00	7.50	8 hours
Dinner			
Combination	22.50	13.50	8 hours

The child fare would be applicable to persons between the ages of 5 and 12 years. There would be no charge for the transportation of children under 5 years of age accompanied by an adult passenger and not occupying seats to the exclusion of farepaying passengers.

Webb would offer constructed tours. For these tours, transportation fares would be determined on the basis of \$ .10 per passenger per mile round trip from the point where the vehicles are located. Webb also would provide free pick up and return service within the District of Columbia and Rosslyn, Va. For pick up and return service in other portions of Virginia and in Maryland, a \$2.00 per person transportation fee would be charged.

The rates applicable to charter operations would be \$ .85 per mile and \$25.00 per hour. The minimum charge would be based upon two hours of service and one hour of deadhead time. The charter rates would include a three hour charge when a vehicle is requested but not used. Webb also proposes a one-way transfer fee of \$50.00 and a round trip transfer fee of \$75.00 between any two points in the District of Columbia.

Webb would perform both the special operations and the charter operations in a 53 passenger double deck 1952 model diesel powered Leyland London Transport bus. Webb would use conventional motor coaches or vans as additional equipment or replacement equipment.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact provides as follows:

When an application is made under this section for a certificate, . . . , the Commission shall issue a certificate to any qualified applicant therefor, . . . , if it finds, after hearing held upon reasonable notice, that the applicant is fit, willing and able to perform such transportation properly and to conform to the provisions of this Act and the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Commission thereunder, and that such transportation is or will be required by the public convenience and necessity; otherwise such application shall be denied. (Emphasis added.)

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission shall schedule a hearing to develop an appropriate record. Webb shall be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to be sufficient to cover the expenses which the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) requires the carrier to bear.

The reason for the hearing is to fully develop the basis for any findings as to Webb's fitness to perform the proposed transportation service and the existing requirements of the public convenience and necessity for the proposed transportation service. Webb shall be required to submit and be prepared to support with competent witnesses the following exhibits:

(A) A detailed balance sheet of Webb as of December 31, 1975.

(B) A detailed income statement of Webb for a period ended December 31, 1975.

(C) A statement projecting revenues and revenue deductions, including taxes, for a one year period, together with supporting details, including the ratio between revenue deductions and revenues.

Webb shall be directed to file six (6) copies of the statements required hereinbefore with the Commission and serve one copy on each party of record on or before February 24, 1976. Webb shall be prepared to present evidence that public convenience and necessity require permanent authorization of the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application Nos. 894 and 895 of Webb Tours, Inc. be, and they are hereby, scheduled for public hearing to commence Monday, March 1, 1976, at 10:00 A. M., in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

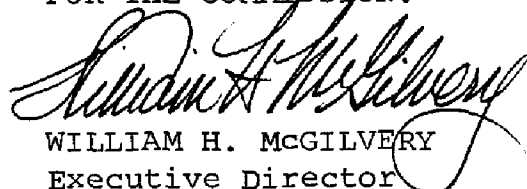
2. That Webb Tours, Inc., publish notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission of such applications and hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District no later than Sunday, February 1, 1976, and present at the hearing a certificate of publication from the selected newspaper.

3. That six (6) copies, the originals to be submitted at the hearing, of the statements required hereinbefore be filed by Webb Tours, Inc., with the Commission and one copy served on each party of record on or before Tuesday, February 24, 1976.

4. That any person desiring to protest shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, on or before Friday, February 20, 1976, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notice to Ralph E. Webb, President, Webb Tours, Inc., 6229 87th Avenue, New Carrollton, Maryland 20784.

5. That Webb Tours, Inc., be, and it is hereby, assessed \$300 pursuant to the provisions of the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19 and directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on or before Friday, February 27, 1976.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
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Executive Director